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Councilwoman and public school educator Jessica Ancona launches bid for Mayor of El Monte

El Monte, CA - On Thursday August 6th, Councilwoman Jessica Ancona officially filed to run for office, declaring her candidacy for Mayor of El Monte, in the November 3rd election.

As a lifelong resident and an advocate for her community since her college years at UCLA, she has a long track record of community engagement and voicing her opinion on issues that impact her fellow El Monte residents.

Councilwoman Ancona will continue to work with those that have a vested interest in securing a better quality of life for El Monte residents.

“Advocating for, and working with families has been the cornerstone of my career. Whether it is in the classroom, on the school board or at city hall. We need a Mayor that will ensure families are included in that dialogue, not shut them out, when it comes to a safer community, green open space, and a fiscally responsible approach to managing our city during these unprecedented times.”



Councilwoman Jessica Ancona is a proud, lifelong resident of the City of El Monte and a daughter of hardworking immigrants from Mexico. She was born and raised in this great city of El Monte, and has dedicated her adult life to public service as an educator and elected official.

Jessica attended public schools in El Monte, and graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to obtaining her bachelor's degree from UCLA, she has earned a Teaching Credential and Master's in Education from Azusa Pacific University and an Administrative Services Credential from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Ms. Ancona is currently a high school assistant principal in the Lynwood Unified School District. Prior to becoming a school administrator she was a high school teacher for 10 years. For the past two decades, Jessica has been an advocate for our children, their education and their quality of life.

In 2013, Councilwoman Ancona was first elected to the El Monte City School District Governing Board, where she served as the President in 2016 and 2017 and Vice President in 2018. Jessica also served as a Delegate Assembly Member for the California School Board Association (CSBA) in 2017 and 2018 with 300 other members from throughout the State of California. She was elected to serve on CSBA by local school boards within Region 23.

As an elected El Monte City School District Governing Board Member for five years, Councilwoman Ancona supported building state of the art facilities; re-implemented music programs for all students; opened the Jeff Seymour Family Center housing over 30 community service providers for our families; increased wages and improved healthcare benefits for the district's workforce and maintained a fiscally sound budget. While Jessica was President of the school board, she advocated to establish a Project Labor Agreement with the Building Trades for the final project of a series of school and facility improvements scheduled to begin late Winter of 2018.

In 2018, Councilwoman Ancona was elected to the El Monte City Council as the only independent candidate in the race. Her independence has proven valuable to the community as she has been able to focus on the needs of the residents of El Monte. In the last 2 years on the council, she has taken on the tobacco and vape industry protecting the youth of this community. Jessica also advocated for a joint use agreement with the school district, opening up more greenspace for recreational and passive uses for her community. Additionally, she has worked with the Southwest Carpenters Union to help complete Fletcher Fetch Park by building aesthetic enhancements to the project. She supports smart conscious development and welcomes progress that considers community first.

Jessica is a proud mother to a son who is entering his Junior year of college and a daughter who is starting her Freshman year in college. Her parents still live in the City of El Monte along with many other family members.

Jessica Ancona is available for interviews.

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